

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification and claims to clarify the grammar/syntax of certain words and passages.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Khanarian '265.

Applicant has effectively canceled the rejected claim 1 by adding thereto the limitations of the **allowable** claim 2. Also, the rejected claim 4 is now dependent on the rewritten claim 1 (1+2). Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1 and 4 as being **moot**. The allowable claim 3 (3/1) has been rewritten in independent form.

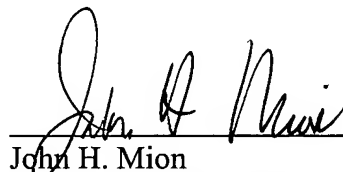
Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance with claims 1, 3 and 4; however, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to **call the undersigned attorney** to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedited the disposition of the application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees

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under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and
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Respectfully submitted,

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